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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Production Group

FROM:

R. W. Manners

Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

SUBJECT:

Supplemental Funding Request

PO/RA forwarded your 19 April memo requesting supplemental funds for the CPSU Party Conference. While I fully concur in your observation that we have cut below levels necessary to provide adequate coverage in some target areas, I think that the message sent to our consumers would be the wrong one. It would be unconscionable for us not to cover the CPSU even if it meant cutting lower priority activities in other divisions. I am inclined to provide some infusion of funds to Prod Group to cover important target areas. I think we must first allocate the balance of our 2539 funds on a priority basis across divisions of Prod. I would like very much to see the results of this prioritized allocation before releasing additional funds to offset your deficits.

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R. W. Manners

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